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In re Application of: REICHARD et al.

Application No.: 09/697,465

Examiner: Loney, D. J.

Filed: October 26, 2000

Group: 1772

For: COMPOSITE PANEL ADAPTED FOR POINT COMPRESSIVE LOADS AND METHOD
FOR MAKING SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This response is in reply to a restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated May 01, 2002 for the above-identified application. This Amendment is accompanied by a Request for a One Month Extension of Time and the authorization to charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account number 50-0951.

REMARKS

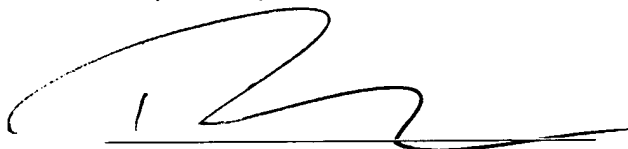
In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement and requires election of one of the following groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a process;
- II. Claims 13-18, drawn to a process; and
- III. Claims 19 and 20, drawn to a product.

Applicant hereby elects Group II (Claims 13-18) for further prosecution at the present time. However, in the interest of greater clarity, claims 13-18 have now been canceled and replaced with new claims 21-36. The new claims are believed to more clearly recite that which applicant regards as the invention. Withdrawal of the outstanding restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 17, 2002

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